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Ambassador Craig Roberts Stapleton



Craig Roberts Stapleton was nominated by President Bush as Ambassador to France and took the oath of office from Secretary of State Rice on June 27, 2005. On July 25, 2005, Craig Roberts Stapleton met with President Jacques Chirac at the Elysee Palace to present his credentials as the new United States Ambassador to France. This is Ambassador Stapleton's second ambassadorial appointment. Previously, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2001-2004.

In addition to his government service, Ambassador Stapleton has had an extensive business career. He has served as President of Marsh and McLennan Real Estate Advisors of New York since 1982. He was also a partner of President Bush in the ownership of the Texas Rangers baseball team from 1989-1998. In 2004, he served as Connecticut State Chairman for the re-election campaign of President Bush and in 2005 he served on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Properties, Metro PCS, TB Woods and Winston Partners.

Ambassador Stapleton has many civic interests. He is President of the Vaclav Havel Foundation in the United States. He was awarded the Jan Masaryk Medal for service to the Czech Republic. He also served on the Board of the Peace Corps under President George H. W. Bush. His charitable involvement has focused on education. He has served as Trustee of the Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut, and Overseas Visiting Committee for Harvard College.

Ambassador Stapleton was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He received his secondary school education at Phillips Exeter Academy and a B.A. (magna cum laude) from Harvard College. He received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Ambassador Stapleton and his wife, Dorothy Walker Stapleton, maintain their home in Greenwich, Connecticut. They have two adult children: Walker Stapleton and Wendy Reyes.

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